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a framework might look like and we are happy to share with anybody who is interested . we are keen to support a global dialogue on this issue.

Second, the relevant States must have the ability to exercise jurisdiction as appropriate. The priority finding of the group of legal experts on accountability in 2006 was that the United Nations should prioritise the facilitation of the exercise of jurisdiction by the host State. And, where the host State is unable, for other States to act, including through extraterritorial jurisdiction.

We encourage all relevant States to exercise their jurisdiction where possible to ensure crimes are investigated and, where appropriate, perpetrators prosecuted for offences. This includes where Member States exercise extraterritorial jurisdiction over acts committed by their nationals abroad, as the United Kingdom does through the Domestic Abuse Act (2021) for sexual offences committed by its nationals outside the UK.

The UK is also working with host States to support capacity building, [Project Soteria](#). Soteria looks to strengthen the capacity of law enforcement to investigate, prosecute and arrest perpetrators.

And finally, my last point. We want to see a United Nations that prioritises the rights and dignity of victims, survivors and whistle-blowers. We

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Rights Officers working in the field to support victims on the ground, including strengthening reporting mechanisms to raise concerns.

But those individuals who do come forward to report crimes and wrongdoing must also